SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 5, as follows:

The ~~convertion~~ conversion of metadata essence data and/or further essence data being directly or indirectly pointed at by said metadata link data into new essence data may be performed with the help of a graphical user interface, which makes editing of the new essence data comfortable.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16, as follows:

The ~~convertion~~ conversion of metadata into essence data is preferably performed by transferring essence data of the metadata into a new essence data file. Such a transfer without format transformation enables rapid processing.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 1, as follows:

Fig. 1   a basic method for ~~convertion~~ conversion of metadata into essence according to the present invention; and

Fig. 2   an advanced method for ~~convertion~~ conversion of metadata into essence according to the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22, as follows:

Generally, the task of ~~convertion~~ conversion of metadata into essence is to convert MD-essence of metadata into essence. As shown in a first embodiment of the present invention according to figure 1 the basic method for ~~convertion~~ conversion metadata 1 into essence 4 includes the transfer of MD-essence 2 into this essence 4. The procedure is operated under a graphic user interface (GUI) 5.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 36, as follows:

As indicated in FIG. 1 by the different types of arrows the GUI 5 browses or selects the metadata 1 within the metadata data database. Further, the GUI 5 together with a processor (not shown) processes the information obtained from the metadata 1 and provides a file for storing the new essence 4. After that the MD-essence 2 is taken over into the file of the new essence 4. In some cases it may be necessary to complete the new essence formed by the MD-essence 2. For instance, if the MD-essence 2 is a compact annotation or summary, it might be extended in order to generate a complete significant essence. Therefore, there is provided an advanced method as shown in FIG. 2 in order to convert metadata into such complete significant essence. Similar to the basic method of FIG. 1 the metadata selected by the GUI 5 are converted into the new essence 4. Thus, at first, the MD-essence 2 is transferred into essence 4. The MD-essence 2 may be a text, a picture, an audio presentation or a video clip or the like. Since the MD-essence 2 in this case only provides a limited compact message it should be completed to a ~~meaning-full~~ meaningful essence 4. Therefore, it is desired to find out other content-associated sources to supplement the new created essence 4.